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Friends,

We have all felt the sigh of relief that came with the verdict acknowledging that George Floyd was murdered.

This is a small but significant step for our country.

There are many more steps which must happen. The violence against black, indigenous and people of color continues. There is an overwhelming sense of antagonism against people of Asian descent. There is discrimination despite our call to see one another as siblings in Christ.

John Calvin Presbytery remains committed to the long, hard work of dismantling structural racism by dismantling the places in our own hearts where we cannot love our neighbors. We are working to uncover those hurt places in our congregations where hate has festered, where our anxiety has created distrust, where the sins of our ancestors has colored our future.

We call on each member of the Presbytery to join us in prayer that the great and terrible day of the Lord would burst open the floodgates of righteousness, letting justice roll down to wash our nation clean.

Pray that our systems of justice would recognize and correct racism within their own systems.

Pray that those who protect and serve would be able to protect and serve all people.

May you be blessed by the beauty of diversity.

General Council of John Calvin Presbytery
(Prepared by our Anti-Racism Subcommittee)